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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST
DEVELOPED

1. USDEL SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, OBJECT TO THE LATENESS
OF THE SECRETARIAT'S ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS WHICH PRECLUDED
EVEN A CURSORY READING IN CAPITALS PRIOR TO THE START OF
IGG MEETING. THIS IS PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE WHEN THE
DOCUMENTATION DIRECTS ALLEGATIONS AT PARTICULAR COUNTRIES
BY NAME (E.G., PARAGRAPHS 38 AND 41 OF TD/B/AC.17/3)" AS
IT DOES NOT PERMIT A CONSIDERED REPLY DURING THE
MEETING. AT THE SAME TIME, THE USDEL MAY INDICATE THAT
OUR CURSORY EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS TD/B/AC.17/MISC 1, 3
(PARTS I, II AND IV) AND 4 SHOW THEM TO BE SUBSTANTIVE AND
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USEFUL STUDIES, BUT LACKING BALANCE IN SOME

INSTANCES.

2. REGARDING PART 2 OF TD/B/AC.17/3, USDEL MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT THE USG IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF TRADE POLICY AREAS, SUCH AS GSP AND THE MTN, WHICH WHILE NOT GEARED EXCLUSIVELY TOWARD RLDC'S, WILL BE OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO THEM. OUR PROPOSED PRODUCT COVERAGE FOR GSP INCLUDES MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED, AND OUR COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA PERMITS INFANT INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS THOSE IN RLDC'S, TO ENJOY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT REGARDLESS OF THE SUCCESS OF MORE

DEVELOPED INDUSTRIES IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. REGARDING THE MTN, OUR NEGOTIATORS HAVE UNPRECEDENTED AUTHORITY, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESULT IN A MAJOR LIBERALIZATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS. IN THIS EFFORT, WE CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION, INCLUDING THOSE CALLING FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PARTICULAR SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THESE COUNTRIES IN THE CONTEXT OF ANY GENERAL OR SPECIFIC MEASURES TAKEN IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. REGARDING TD/B/AC.17/4 USDEL MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE USEFULNESS OF HIGHLIGHTING IN TABULAR FORM (TABLE 1) NATURAL RESOURCES WITH HIGH POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND RECOMMEND THAT THIS DOCUMENT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENTS AND UNDP. LIKEWISE, THE COUNTRY PROFILES (PART II), ARE A USEFUL METHODOLOGY FOR PLANNERS AND PROGRAMMERS AND EVALUATORS: CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING THE METHOD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, TO SUPPLY BASE-LINE DATA; AND FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN COMPUTERIZED DATA BANKS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE UN (CORE PROJECT). IN TD/B/AC.17/MISC 1, THE REFERENCE TO CONSTRAINTS ON THE PART OF DONOR POLICY IMPLIES THAT THESE ARE ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY DONORS. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO REMOVE CONSTRAINTS

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TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC). THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT PAY SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO REGIONALISM, AND THE POTENTIAL OF REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA, TO ADDRESS CONSTRAINTS TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. INGERSOLL

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